

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 24 and ending at page 6, line 1 as follows:

FIG. 3 shows the comparison between the NAC domain conserved in a LOV1 gene (SEQ ID NO 2, from position 1 to 185) for controlling the flowering time of the present invention and the NAC domains of NAM, CUC1 and CUC2 genes (SEQ ID NOS: 10-12) (\*: conserved base sequence).

Please replace the Sequence Listing with the Sequence Listing attached hereto.